

# Lackland Air Force Base

## Basic Military Training

### Questions and Answers for Visitors

- When will my Airman graduate?** To the right you will see a SAMPLE calendar that can be used as a reference point in determining when an Airman will graduate from basic military training. The Air Force basic military training program is six weeks in duration. The first week that the trainee arrives in Basic Military Training does not count as part of their six weeks of training. Graduation is the Friday of their last week of training. After graduation, the Airman will receive town pass on Saturday and base liberty on Sunday. And, finally, the Airman will be shipped out to a technical school on Monday. Please keep in mind that the graduation date of an Airman might change due to unforeseen circumstances such as medical condition or failure to meet certain training requirements.

BASIC TRAINING SAMPLE CALENDAR							
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Weeks of Training
	1	2	3	4	5	6	0
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	1
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	2
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	3
28	29	30	31	1	2	3	4
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	5
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	6
18	19						

and  Training  
 Processing  
 Graduation  
 Airman Shipping

- How do I get my Airman's mailing address?** Call (210) 671-3024.
- I haven't heard from my Airman, how do I contact him/her?** An Airman is required by regulation to get one initial phone call to give you his/her address and to let you know that they are fine. Other phone calls during training are strictly up to the individual training instructor. If you have not received a call within 2 weeks, you can call (210) 671-3024. Keep in mind that your Airman may have opted to call a friend or spouse.
- How do I get graduation pictures and/or videos?** To find out how to purchase graduation pictures and/or videos, please call (210) 695-4979. The reception center staff also has additional information.

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5. **In case of an emergency, how can I contact my Airman?** Contact your local Red Cross office.
6. **We didn't receive a visitor's pass. How do we get on base?** To receive a base pass you will need to present your driver's license, proof of insurance and registration at the Visitor's Center once you arrive at the base. If you are driving a rental car, you will need the rental contract in place of the registration and insurance.
7. **Will the Air Force provide transportation from the airport to and from hotels?** No. You can use your own vehicle, taxis or rental cars. Some hotels provide shuttle services.
8. **What is open house?** This is an opportunity for visitors to view the graduating Airman's dormitory. It takes place after the parade and is for one hour. Sometimes this is extended to allow family members the opportunity to spend more time with their Airman.
9. **If I am a spouse or child of an Airman, how do I get a dependant ID card?** Dependents requiring an ID can have their Airman get the required form from the appropriate base agency, sign it and send it to the family member. Dependents can get the ID card at Lackland or any ID card processing center. If time permits with your Airman's schedule, you can have him/her go with you to get the ID when you arrive.
10. **What can I do while I'm on base until my Airman show's up?** You can shop in the General Store or snack bar located at the reception center. Civilians can enter the BX but cannot purchase without a military ID card. We have several museums on base as well, including one in the BMT Reception Center. The reception center staff will provide a map of the main attractions.
11. **Do I have to attend a visitor's briefing?** The briefings are optional but HIGHLY encouraged. These briefings are designed to give visitors an overview of the weekend events, explain what you should and should not do, what your Airman can and cannot do, etc.
12. **Can I get a room at an on-base hotel or other base housing?** We do have lodging facilities on base. In order to stay, you must call 24 hours in advance to request a room. These rooms are rented on a space available basis. However, active duty military members with specific business on Lackland take precedence. Unfortunately, most times the rooms are unavailable. The number for the Gateway INN is (210) 671-2556.
13. **Are there limits to how many friends/family can attend the graduation?** No, there is no limit placed on how many people can attend the weekend events.
14. **Can I take my Airman to his/her technical training school?** It is RARE that permission is granted for this. Only an Airman with very specific circumstances is allowed to go with his/her parents to tech training. This is an issue that needs to

be discussed with your Airman's commander when you arrive. The commander will have the final say. An Airman not accompanying his/her family to technical school (99.9%) will travel via government provided transportation. Family members cannot travel with the Airman in this case.

15. **Where is the nearest bus stop to the reception center?** The stop is down the street from the reception center. It provides transportation around the base for free.
16. **Is there a phone I can use at the reception center?** We have several pay phones on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of our facility. We also have some located behind the building near the pavilions.
17. **Where can I park at the reception center?** We have designated parking adjacent to our building and across the street. Parking is also allowed at the buildings around the reception center. Please ensure you park only in designated areas and not in those reserved for others.
18. **Where can I smoke?** Smoking is not authorized near any entrance or exit of any building on base but a smoking area has been set up in the grassy area behind the reception center.

If, after thoroughly searching through this document and the rest of the web site, you did not find an answer to your question or you have any questions or comments concerning the web site and included documentation, please feel free to contact us by using the following email address: [737TRG.web@lackland.af.mil](mailto:737TRG.web@lackland.af.mil). After you contact us by email, we will do everything possible to respond in a reasonable amount of time.